St. Michael the Archangel

Feast Day: September 29th

The Patron Saint of soldiers, police, and doctors.

St. Michael the Archangel is the leader of all the angels and the army of God. As an archangel, he is above all other angels in rank.

According to Scripture and Christian tradition, St. Michael has four major offices.

- First, to combat Satan.
- Second, to escort the faithful to heaven at the hour of their death.
- Third, to be a champion of all Christians, and the Church itself.
- Fourth, to call people from life on earth to their heavenly judgment.

St. Michael is mentioned a few times in the Bible. He is mentioned twice in the Book of Daniel, as one who helps the faithful prophet through his trials. Next, he is mentioned as the person who will defend the children of the Israelites. In the Epistle of St. Jude, it is revealed that St. Michael defends the tombs of Eve and Moses. It also reveals that St. Michael did contend with Satan over the body of Moses. The purpose of this contention is thought to be Satan's intention to deceive God's people into worshipping Moses as a divine person.

It is clear in Jewish and Christian tradition that St. Michael defeated Satan, just as he will in the end times.

This brings us to the final mention of St. Michael, where he and the angels do battle with the dragon. The dragon of course represents Satan.

St. Michael the Archangel is our protector. We are encouraged to seek his intercession when we are in peril. He is also invoked is invoked for protection, especially from the devil and enemies.

ST. MICHAEL IS MENTIONED 5 TIMES IN THE BIBLE

Daniel 10:13

Daniel 10:21

Daniel 12:1

Jude 1:9

Rev. 12:7

St. Michael has long been recognized as the protector and guardian of the Catholic Church itself and the angel of the Blessed Sacrament.

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